Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (canceled).
- 2. (currently amended): A third information processing apparatus comprising:

a-global-an Internet Protocol (IP) address pool including rent-out global-IP addresses:-and

a receiver that receives an original IP address of a second information processing apparatus:

a storage that stores correspondence information having a correspondence relationship between an-said original global-IP address of said second information processing apparatus and a rent-out global-IP address, address; and

wherein said original global IP address is allocated to a first information processing apparatus, and

a transmitter that transmits said rent-out IP address to a first information. processing apparatus.

wherein said first information processing apparatus sends communication packets to said second information processing apparatus, said communication packets including said rent-out global-IP address is set to said first information processing apparatus by said third information processing apparatus as a source address, and said IP address of said second information processing apparatus as a destination address.

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 (currently amended): A third information processing apparatus provided on a network and performing rent-out of an address, said third information processing apparatus comprising:

a-global-an Internet Protocol (IP) address pool including rent-out global-IP addresses:

a receiver that receives an original IP address of a second information processing apparatus;

a storage that stores correspondence information having a correspondence relationship among an original global-IP address of a first information processing apparatus, a rent-out global-IP address, and a-global-global-global-IP address of a said second information processing apparatue, apparatus; and

a transmitter that transmits said rent-out IP address to said first information processing apparatus,

wherein said-original global IP address is allocated to a first information processing apparatus,

wherein said first information processing apparatus sends communication packets to said second information processing apparatus, said communication packets including said rent-out global-IP address as a source address, and said IP address of said second information processing apparatus as a destination address is set to said first information processing apparatus by said third information processing apparatus, and

wherein said-second-information processing apparatus is a partner information processing apparatus with which said first information processing apparatus performs communication using said-rent-out-global-IP-address. U.S. Application No.: 10/617,689
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4. (currently amended): The third information processing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein, in response to an inquiry from said second information processing apparatus, said third information processing apparatus notifies said second information processing apparatus, with encrypted communication, of said original global-IP address allocated toof said first information processing apparatus.

- 5. (currently amended): The third information processing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein permission to issue said notification is given-enly in a case that said correspondence information has of a combination correspondence information of said global-IP address of said second information processing apparatus and said original global-IP address allocated to of said first information processing apparatus, said global-IP address of said second information processing apparatus and said original global-IP address having a correspondence relationship in said correspondence information, and no permission is given to said notification in a case of that said correspondence information does not have a correspondence information of said IP address of said information processing apparatus and said original IP address of said first information processing apparatus. a combination that does not exist in said correspondence—information.
 - 6. (canceled).
 - 7. (canceled).